funds and whether anytime limit has been fixed by the Centre in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Krishi Vigyan Kendras in the country

2026. CHAUDHARY CHUNNI LAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras functioning in the country, State-wise;

(b) the details of targets fixed for such Kendras during last two years and that actually achieved;

(c) whether Government have made any assessment of the activities of KVKs, if so, the details of Kendras failed to achieve the desired results;

(d) the details of all these kendras in U.P.; and

(e) the number of KVK Government propose to set up in next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) have established 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVK) in the country. The State-wise details are given in the statement enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) During 1998 and 1999 the KVKs undertook the following activities:

* 26,303 training programmes benefiting 5.73 lakh farmers, 1.18 lakh rural youths and 0.58 lakh extension personnel.
* 28,425 extension programmes, including kisan melas, field days, kisan gosthi, exhibitions, TV & Radio talks etc.

* 31,001 frontline demonstrations covering 11,863 hectare.

(c) Besides close monitoring by eight Zonal Coordinating Units, the activities of KVKs are reviewed through State, Zonal and National workshops on regular basis. Nine Quinquennial Review Teams (QRT) also reviewed the functioning of the KVKs and gave a number of suggestions for developing thrust areas of the KVKs on location specific basis. The terms of reference of the teams did not include categorization of the KVKs in terms of performance.

(d) There are 30 KVKs in U.P., including 24 under State Agricultural Universities and other educational institutes, 2 under ICAR Institutes, and the remaining 4 under Non-Government Organizations.

(e) The opening of more KVKs will depend on the availability of additional resources.

Statement

Number of Krishi Vigyan Kendras State-wise

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of KVKs
1.	A. and N. Island	1
2.	Andhra Pradesh	16
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	1
4.	Assam	4
5.	Bihar	21
6.	Delhi	1
7.	Goa	1
8.	Gujarat	10
9.	Haryana	12
10.	Himachal Pradesh	8
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	4
12.	Karnataka	11
13.	Kerala	9
14.	Lakshadweep	1
15.	Madhya Pradesh	20
16.	Maharashtra	23
17.	Manipur	1
18.	Meghalaya	1
19.	Mizoram	2
20.	Nagaland	1

Sl. No.	State/Union Territory	No. of KVKs
21.	Orissa	12
22.	Pondicherry	2
23.	Punjab	10
24.	Rajasthan	31
25.	Sikkim	1
26.	Tamil Nadu	16
27.	Tripura	2
28.	Uttar Pradesh	30
29.	West Bengal	9
	TOTAL:	261

Agriculture research projects with US assistance

2027. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Agriculture Research Projects have been launched in the country with the assistance from USA;

(b) if so, the progress made so far under these projects, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to take up any such projects in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are given in the statement (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.